

Attendance Allowance – Eligibility

Herewith the correct and up-to-date information for any UK citizens living here, who may be faced with the difficult situation of caring for their partner/friend who has become physically or mentally disabled or are terminally ill.

If you, or someone you know, are in this situation, you may not be aware that you may be eligible for the Attendance Allowance.

If you are in receipt of a full UK Pension, over 65 years old and resident in Spain, then you are eligible to apply for Attendance Allowance in order to meet the care needs.

To summarise, you qualify:

- If the AA claim is for your disability which is severe enough for you to **need help caring for yourself or someone to supervise you**, for your own or someone else's safety;
- Someone who is **terminally ill**, special rules apply that make it simpler to claim AA. These special rules ensure that the claim is dealt with quickly;
- Benefit may be claimed by carer;
- **This payment is tax free and not means tested.**

The official source of information is:

<https://www.gov.uk/claim-benefits-abroad/illness-injury-and-disability-benefits>

You will need to contact the Exportability Team re your claim from abroad. They are also willing to answer any questions you may have and will send you the necessary forms by email.

Exportability Team email: exportability.team@dwp.gsi.gov.uk /

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We hope that this information is useful to you, or to someone you know who is in this situation. Please direct any enquiries to the contact given above.